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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Yasuhiro TOI

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For: COMPOSITE MATERIAL-STIFFENED PANEL AND MANUFACTURING  
METHOD THEREOF

**AFTER FINAL REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria VA 22313 - 1450

Sir:

Reconsideration of the Final Office Action of March 21, 2005 is respectfully Requested.

Accompanying this Request for Reconsideration is a one month petition for extension of time with requisite fee.

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Thomas for the courtesies extended in the phone interview held on July 20, 2005. The points raised in that interview are repeated below in the context of the arguments to follow.

All claims stand rejected under 35 USC 103 based on the combination of Willden et al. in view of Lackman et al.. In the remarks accompanying the rejection there is indicated that reliance is made on the embodiment shown in Figure 2 of Willden to establish the skin layer, stiffeners arranged in rows and fiber reinforced material that covers the stiffeners. The rejection

acknowledges that Willden et al fails to describe the stitching of the fiber reinforced material on

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